

REMARKS

Claim 4 is the only claim currently pending in the application. By this amendment, Applicant hereby cancels claims 1-3 without prejudice or disclaimer and rewrite claim 4 into its independent form so as to put this application in condition for immediate allowance.

The Examiner does not indicate that the drawings filed with the application on February 11, 2004 have been accepted. The Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge such acceptance in the next PTO communication.

In the Office Action of February 1, 2007, the Examiner indicated that claim 4 would be allowable if rewritten in its independent form. Applicant does not acquiesce to the Examiner's reasons for maintaining the rejection of claims 1-3. However to expedite the prosecution of the above-identified application, Applicant rewrites claim 4 into its independent form. In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited.

If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below. Applicant herewith petitions the Director of the USPTO to extend the time for reply to the above-identified Office Action for an appropriate length of time if necessary. Unless a check is attached, any fee due under 37 U.S.C. § 1.17(a) is being paid via the USPTO Electronic Filing System (EFS). The USPTO is also directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account..

Respectfully submitted,

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